



War and Climate Change

DATE:

Saturday, September 26, 2020

TIME:

1:00 PM EDT (New York, USA) | 17:00 UTC (optional support group after)

REGISTER:

[Register here](#) for Zoom workshop

LANGUAGES:

In English, interpreted into Spanish, French, Arabic

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Modern warfare causes tremendous loss of life. It is used as a tool of oppression (including racism, classism, Islamophobia, and anti-Semitism) and genocide to install the dominant culture and to take control of land and resources. War makes huge profits for the owning class.

War has caused unprecedented environmental destruction. Preserving the environment is one reason among many to stop war. Racism and Islamophobia against Arabs and Muslims make it more difficult for people to join together in a united response to war and its impact on the environment.

In this workshop, we will:

- ★ Listen to each other tell our stories connected to war, migration, racism, and Islamophobia
- ★ Examine the relationship between war and environmental degradation
- ★ Learn the approaches used by Sustaining All Life and United to End Racism to heal from the damage of oppression, increase our effectiveness in the climate justice movement, and prevent burnout



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It is possible to limit the effects of human-caused climate change and restore the environment—and some big changes are needed if this is to happen. Sustaining All Life (SAL) and United to End Racism (UER) believe the environmental crisis cannot be resolved without ending racism, genocide of Indigenous peoples, classism, sexism, and other oppressions. The impact of environmental destruction and climate change falls most heavily on the groups targeted by these oppressions, and on other vulnerable populations (including populations of people who are elderly, disabled and very young).

To build a movement powerful enough to resolve the climate crisis, SAL and UER believe that the following barriers must be overcome: (1) longstanding divisions between nations and between groups of people caused by oppression (especially by racism, genocide of Indigenous people, and classism), (2) widespread feelings of discouragement and powerlessness, (3) a too-slow response to the escalating damage to the earth's climate, (4) difficulties in effectively addressing the connections between the environmental crisis and the failures of our economic system.

We have found that these barriers are most quickly overcome as people heal from the mental and emotional harm caused by oppression. SAL and UER events provide opportunities for people to take turns listening to each other while encouraging emotional release. We become better able to think, speak out, organize, unite, and lead others in building a sustainable world.

SAL and UER are projects of and use the tools of Re-evaluation Counseling, which currently exists in 95 countries.

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